



# Welfare to Work Voucher Program Pacific Northwest Regional Workshop

Portland, Oregon

June 12, 2003

## AGENDA

11:30 a.m.	<b>Registration and Lunch</b>
12:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <i>Elizabeth Santone and Joy McCray, HUD Field Office</i> <i>Robert Woodard and Rose Capalungan, HUD OIG, Seattle</i> <i>Kathi Dahlem and Kristin Winkel, Abt Associates</i>
12:15 p.m.	<b>HUD Conference Calls</b> <i>Joy McCray, HUD Field Office, Moderator</i> <i>Kathryn Greenspan, HUD Headquarters</i> <i>Suzanne Manville Olmstead, HUD Pacific Northwest PIC Coach</i>
1:00 p.m.	<b>TANF: State and Local Issues and Impact on WtW Vouchers</b> <i>Kathi Dahlem, Abt Associates, Moderator</i> Panel session with representatives from Alaska, Oregon, and Washington TANF Agencies
1:30 p.m.  <b>Session I:</b> 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.  <b>Break:</b> 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.  <b>Session II:</b> 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.  <b>Session III:</b> 3:15 – 4 p.m.	<b>Roundtable Discussions</b> <i>Rotate among three discussion groups to address issues and share best practices and challenges. Each discussion group will last 45 minutes.</i>  <b>Discussion Group A: Family Self-Sufficiency:</b> Update on FSS Program. Strategies and incentives for linking WtW participants to the FSS program. Encouraging self-sufficiency when your FSS program is fully enrolled. Linking WtW participants to homeownership programs.  <b>Discussion Group B: Update on TANF/Welfare Reform and WtW Impact:</b> Effects of TANF reauthorization on WtW. Coordinating case management needs. Working with families when TANF cash benefits have expired or been terminated. Working with families to prevent non-compliance and termination. Monitoring work requirements. Tracking turnover. Transitioning from TANF to SSI.  <b>Discussion Group C: Planning for the Future:</b> Promoting WtW Graduation. Evaluating your program. Generating new WtW referrals. Making program modifications. Identifying work-related opportunities for participants despite high unemployment. Monitoring best practices and challenges.
4:00 p.m.	<b>Wrap-up and Questions</b> <i>Kristin Winkel, Abt Associates, Moderator</i> <i>HUD Staff</i>
4:30 p.m.	<b>Adjournment</b>